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SUBJECT: CCD-REQUEST TO HAVE UNEP PARTICIPATE IN INFORMAL
MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION

1. SWEDISH CCD REP THORSON HAS WRITTEN FROM STOCKHOLM
ASKING US AND SOVIET CO-CHAIRMEN TO ARRANGE FOR A REPRE-
SENTATIVE OF THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE
IN EXPERTS MEETING ON ENMOD SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF
AUGUST 4.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY, SWEDISH DEPREP EXPLAINED
THAT REQUEST TO CO-CHAIRMEN WAS INTENDED TO DETERMINE
THEIR REACTION BEFORING RAISING ISSUE FORMALLY AT CCD.
HAMILTON RECOGNIZED THAT DECISION TO INCLUDE UNEP REP
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WOULD REQUIRE CCD CONSENSUS. HE ALSO SAID HE UNDER-

STOOD THAT ADMITTANCE OF UNEP REP SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO IMPAIR PRIVATE AND OFF-THE-RECORD CHARACTER OF INFORMAL CCD MEETING, AND THAT DECISION TO ADMIT UNEP REP SHOULD BE WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING.

3. SOVIET DEP REP NAZARKIN TOLD US (GIVAN) HIS DEL WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM SWEDES ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES BEFORE DECIDING SOVIET POSITION. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR UNEP TO REQUEST ADMITTANCE RATHER THAN HAVE CCD ISSUE INVITATION AT REQUEST OF SWEDISH DEL. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REFUSAL OF SWEDISH REQUEST COULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR CCD WORK ON ENMOD.

4. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT VARIOUS PROCEDURAL ISSUES COULD BE WORKED OUT, INCLUDING QUESTION OF FORMAL REQUEST BY UNEP AND UNDERSTANDING THAT MEETING REMAINS OFF-RECORD. WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO COOPERATE WITH SWEDES IF SOVIETS AGREE. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ASAP WHETHER DEPT. APPROVES ADMITTANCE OF UNEP TO INFORMAL ENMOD MEETING ON THESE TERMS, ASSUMING UNEP CONFIRMS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION. END COMMENT. DALE

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